GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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OPENING UP OF SRINAGAR MUZAFFARABAD ROAD
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open Srinagar-Muzaffarabad road for trade as reported in The Asian Age dated 24th March, 2008;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the benefits that are likely to accrue as a result thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) The Prime Minister and the President of Pakistan during the latter's visit to India in April 2005 had agreed to pursue further measures to enhance interaction and cooperation across the LOC including trade and truck service on the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad route.

(c) Apart from encouraging people-to-people contacts this step would improve market access for products.